

HALLMARK

The Lacey Green and Loosely Row Magazine



**Poppies by
Margaret Gray**

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of Hallmark



History Group

This issue we have special contributions on historical land usage in our villages. My thanks to the History Group who have written the articles in the central section, together with a lighter hearted contribution from Geoff Gomme. My apologies to the author's that I had to cut down their contributions to fit into the space available.

It's interesting to read how the land was used - today we have just one dairy farm left in the village with the other four farms focused on arable crops and a few beef cows. The big change I have seen in my time here is the vast growth in the number of horses in the fields - a reflection of the greater amount of leisure time and disposal income.

The History Group continue to add new articles to the web site - I urge you to go and have a look at www.laceygreen.com/history

Recent articles include:

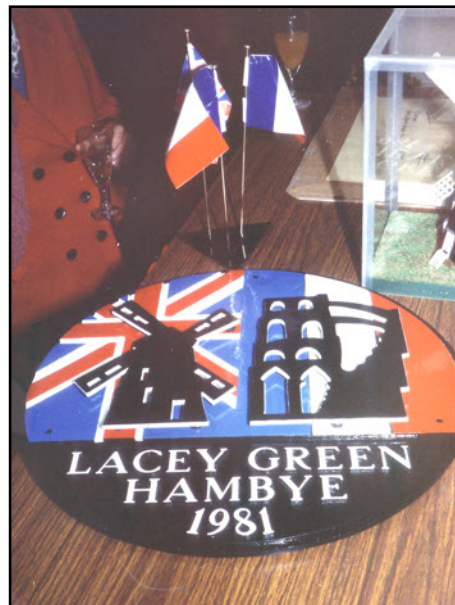
- St. Johns Hospital
- The Medicine Run
- History of the Church Choir
- History of Lacey Green Singers

They are also planning a Village History Exhibition to be held in the spring of next year. There will be

more details in future Hallmarks.

Demise of Twinning

I was very sorry to see the article on page 8 notifying us of the final closure of the Twinning Association. Twinning was set up in 1981 and for 20 years we had some excellent exchange visits with Hambye. (I remember fondly the local cider). It also gave lots of children some tremendous experiences: foreign culture and cuisine, staying away from their parents for the first time, improved language skills - our children certainly learnt some very colloquial French not normally



taught in schools.

Planning blight

Most people are probably aware of the proposals to build a High Speed Train line from London to Birmingham right through the centre of the Chilterns. The point that you may have missed is that one of the proposed routes goes through Hughenden Valley and right under Lacey Green. Paul Rogerson goes into details on the proposals on page 20 though much of the focus of his article is about compensation for falling property values.

Now I don't like NIMBYs who have selfish values, I don't want a third runway at Heathrow, and I am all in favour of better high speed rail links. However I do think that the proposal to build the line through the Chilterns is fundamentally wrong. The alternative promoted by many local authorities is to build the new line alongside the existing one from central London. This could also include a stop at Milton Keynes to allow the locals to benefit.

The problem is that the politicians took a strategic decision to tie the new line into Heathrow. This means that the new line out of Euston is routed westwards to Ruislip so it can join up with the Crossrail spur to Heathrow. As soon as you start the line from West London it is inevitable that it will go through the Chilterns. What we need is for the new line to go north from Euston following the existing line to Birmingham.

It is not yet clear how we should make our voice heard. It is not currently possible to comment formally on Route 2.5 though further consultation is promised in the autumn. We need to support the objections to Route 3 at a generic level and not get involved in local fights about whether it goes through Missenden or Hughenden Valley. There is a petition on the Downing Street web site - though the supporting wording is very poor.

Still on the planning theme, the Hemley Hill appeal has now been delayed. Following further appeals by the Travellers, the Planning Inspectorate has rescheduled the Public Inquiry. It will now be held at the Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe starting July 13 2010. It is anticipated that the Inquiry will last for four days.

Mike Piercy - Editor

Printers

You cannot fail to notice the change in the appearance of Hallmark. We have now moved from a traditional paper based production process, to a fully digital system with all content generated in a PC Desktop Publishing programme. This means that for the same cost we can print on better paper with selected pages in colour. I can still accept contributions in any format including paper, but it would be great if contributors can send in some more colourful contributions and lots of pictures. Please bear with me as I learn how to operate the new DTP software.

We had planned to make this change for the August edition, but unfortunately our existing printers closed down in the middle of April and we had to bring our change forward. In the time given, I have not been able to recreate the adverts - so my apologies if you spot any quality issues.

If any of our advertisers would like to email me new digital copies of their adverts I will be happy to insert them.

Finally I would like to thank Peter and Les from Risboro Printers for their help and support over the years.



Congratulations!

Finally congratulations to the football team on their splendid results from their first season.

Thanks again to Norman Tyler for all his photographs in this issue.

Mike Piercy

Indoor Bowling

Would you be interested in Indoor bowling at Lacey Green Village Hall?

This is gentle exercise and social intercourse, recommended for longevity

The Hall is currently available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings so could be either or both depending on numbers.

I have some names but need to know if you will join us before I take this further.

Please Tel 01844 345216 or email leighaxe@btinternet.com



STRAWBERRY TEA & BRASS BAND

Sunday 13 June 2010 3 pm

West Wycombe Brass Band

At "Gracefield", Main Road, Lacey Green
(on corner of Church Lane nearest to Black Horse).

Brian & Judy Wicks have very kindly offered again to hold the Strawberry Tea in their lovely garden. Please come & relax while enjoying strawberries & cream, scones & home-made cake, being entertained by the brass band.

Starts at 3 pm but welcome later.

Tickets £4 - buy at the gate

What's on

All summer	Maize maze (see advert on p15) Everyday from July 23 to Sept 5. 10,30 - 6.00
Sunday June 13	Strawberry Tea and Brass Band See advert opposite
June 7th & August 2nd	Parish Council Meeting at Lacey Green Village Hall at 7.30 pm
Sun June 20	Open gardens in Lacey Green. Teas and Parking at the Village Hall from 2pm until 6 pm. Please contact Margaret Grey on 01844- 347094 or Marjorie Palmer on 01296-488353 for further details.
July 5th	Parish Council meeting at Speen Village Hall at 7.30 pm
10th July	Strawberry Summer Ball at St Johns School. Tickets from the school office

Lacey Green Windmill

By the time you read this edition of Hallmark, the windmill will have been open for 5 of our 25 open days. Do come and visit the mill, especially if you have not seen its wonderful interior. Bring a friend or neighbour, relative or your visitors. You will be made welcome by one of our teams of volunteer wardens - without them we would not be able to open the mill on a regular basis.

A reminder that our opening times are 2.30 to 5.30 (with last admission at 5pm) on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until 26th September. Admission £1.50 for adults & 75p for children aged 5 - 15. Donations are always welcome which will be used for the maintenance of the mill.

Please contact me if you require any further information: Betty Hardy, Publicity Officer, Lacey Green Windmill Restoration Committee. Telephone: 01844 275871 email: contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk

ARE YOU IN TOUCH WITH TIM COWELL?

(formerly of Grimsdyke Farm)

Alex Markham is trying to organise a reunion of students from Tim's year at Birmingham University. If you can put him in touch with Tim or Sally, please e mail a.f.markham@leeds.ac.uk

Speen Village Fete

Sponsored by local business

Saturday 10th July 2010 from 2pm – 5pm

A traditional village fete in support of the

The Thomas Ball Cancer Fund

And other village organisations

Featuring: "The Avenue of youth" an insight in to the activities of many cadet and youth organisations,

Street Dancing, Family Karate, Local Fire Brigade, RAF Benson

And more side shows than you could shake a stick at!!!

A Grand Prize Draw with 24 reasons to buy a raffle ticket including £200 cash!!

And a charity "mud wrestling" competition at 7.30 pm

Plus on Friday the 9th A local Yokel Barn Dance and Picnic featuring music by Broadband

Contact Amanda for details on all the above on 01494 488887

Lacey Green Parish Twinning Association

At the Annual General Meeting in 2002 the then Chairman of the Twinning Association, Mrs Pat Williams, indicated that unless there were volunteers to take over from the long-serving Committee, the Association would have to be discontinued. At the AGM in 2003, there being no volunteers, the Association was 'put on ice'.

Since then, although several approaches have been made to Hambye, there appears to be very little enthusiasm to resurrect the Association from their side and there have been no volunteers to resuscitate Twinning from our side. Now that travel has become commonplace between the UK and France the need for Twinning has become less imperative. Consequently, Lacey Green Parish Twinning Association, in common with many others, is not the only one which has had, sadly, to close down for lack of support.

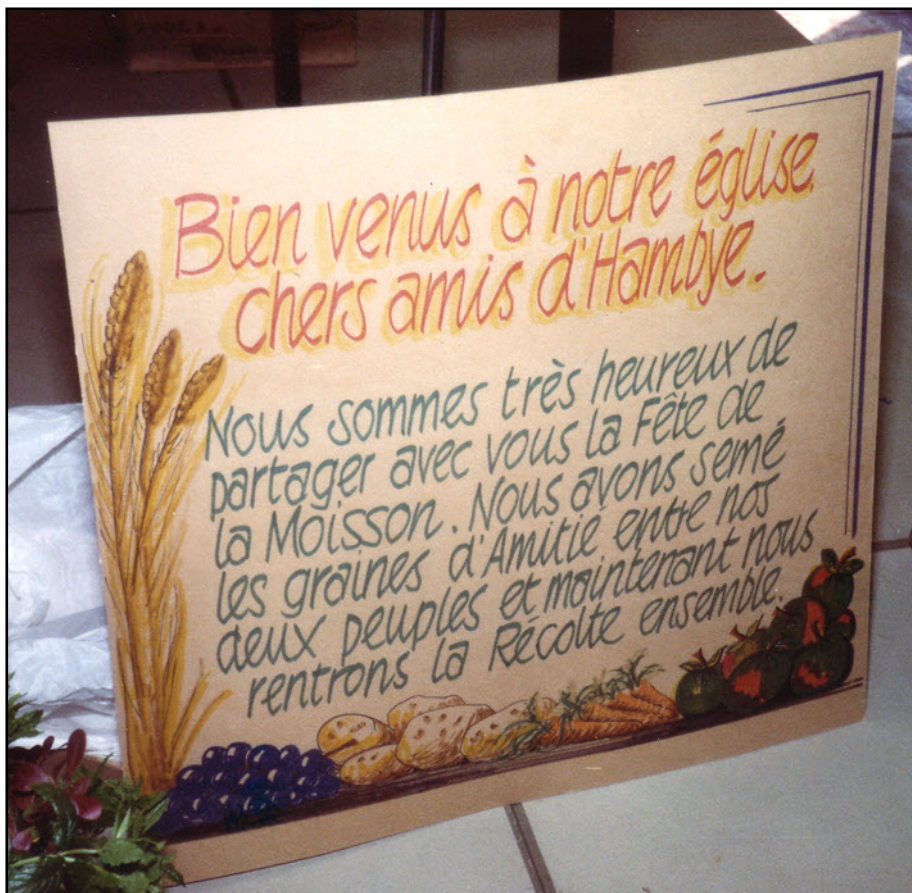


Under Item 14 of the Lacey Green Parish Twinning Association Constitution any surplus funds that are still held must be transferred equally to the village hall funds of Speen and Lacey Green for specified use. The remaining members of the old Committee will undertake to wind up the Lacey Green Parish Twinning Association in accordance with the Constitution.

Liz Southon

Tony Molesworth

Mel Webster



A Small Family Business

By the time you read this, LGP should have performed their latest play in the "Theatre at Home" series. This production of Alan Ayckbourn's play "A Small Family Business" has been fascinating for all involved to present.

Ayckbourn's scenery for this play called for a two storey house set to be built and, when the first production was staged at the National Theatre in London, this is precisely what they did! Although LGP does have one or two "handymen", the thought of building a whole house was clearly a step too far. So how did we get round this problem? Ann Noel and Andrew Clark again offered their whole house as our stage.

The Clark's house, "Chipko" at Parslows Hillock, is ideally designed for "A Small Family Business" with a galleried landing, several flights of stairs and a conveniently-placed bathroom, giving the different acting areas in supposedly different

houses a "real feel". We have given our audiences difficult tasks of imagination in the past and each time they have risen to the challenge. We hope that the complete house set of "Chipko" for "A Small Family Business" has fitted the bill yet again.

The profits raised from this production are going to a local charity, The Oasis Partnership, which works to reduce the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in the local areas of Aylesbury and High Wycombe. At the time of writing we don't know how much we will have raised and full details will be given in the next Hallmark.

What Happened Next?

Well "What Happened Next" is next. That is to say, we are now starting to work on our end of November dinner theatre entertainment. This will be a first for Lacey Green and will involve the LGP actors having to do what you, dear audience, tell us to do!

Our aim for this dinner theatre is to present a series of scenes but missing out the concluding scene. We shall then ask our audience, at their separate tables to suggest different endings to the play. The actors will then retire into a corner for a few moments and return with the spontaneously improvised versions of one of these audience suggestions....."simples"!

We have also been invited to perform this entertainment in Winslow in late October, so we shall be able to tell you whether Winslow or Lacey Green audiences have the better ideas for our play's ending! There will be prizes.

Tickets for "What Happened Next" will be on sale in September for what promises to be another LGP fun-filled dinner theatre.

As always, we are keen to attract new people to our group and would love to hear if you are interested in taking part in any capacity. Please phone 01844 344207.

Peter Brookhouse

Black Horse



I have just spent the morning sorting out the play area, throwing away broken toys and putting in a few new ones. Toys tend to get broken or they disappear. So if anybody has any toys that they are clearing out think of

the Black Horse for the play area please.

I would like to say thank you for all the cards and kind wishes from all our friends and customers when I was poorly and in hospital. Things are slowly getting better and I am meant to be resting, but that is a hard thing to do in the pub trade. Hopefully in time I will be back to my old self and have a little bit more get up and go.

Watch our boards for news about barbecues in the summer we are hoping to do more this year; starting on the May Bank Holiday through to September.

April brings the start of Aunt Sally on a Friday night, this should be fun as we have two teams this year.

Also we are having a summer dart league starting in May. Good luck to Lacey Green Cricket teams - no win no sandwiches. Well done to both the winter darts teams. It will be nice to go to bed early on a Thursday night girls from the B team. Also well done to the Lacey Green Football Team what a fantastic first season you had, even with Ben playing.

Congratulations to Catherine Dell and Nick Smith on their wedding on the 10th April. It was a lovely day enjoyed by all.

Don't forget we do breakfasts Tuesday to Saturday mornings from 9 am till 11 am it would be nice to see more people .

Lynne and Ian

St John`s School



Refurbished playground

Following on from the previous article about St. John's in Hallmark, we held a very successful "grand opening" of the completed link building project, as well as celebrating the refurbished first-school playground. Staff and children are now completely settled in and enjoying the new and refurbished areas. The major project has achieved its main aim in that there is now a feel of "one" school.

The children were keen last term to raise funds for the recent earthquake disaster in Haiti. The response was amazing, and with the

support of both children and parents, we raised a total of £1,162.

The school held a very successful Maths Theme Week in March. The week started off with a maths curriculum evening for parents, which aimed to give guidance on ways to help their child. Each class took part by focusing on a particular area of maths, and thoroughly enjoyed an educational Theatre Group visit.

We also held a number of social activities for the children, including a Disco and Film Morning, as well as a very successful Bingo event and Barn Dance for all the family.

The summer term promises an equally full amount of activity in St John's, as we are looking forward to the very popular Camp night, and this years Strawberry Ball on the 10th July. These two events are always very well supported, as we aim to continue to raise funds for future outdoor projects at the school.

Forthcoming event:

Strawberry Summer Ball – 10th July.
Tickets are available from the school office.

Sharon Wilkes



Lacey Green and Loosely Row WI



It is sad that we can no longer race along the Main Road, tossing pancakes as we run; which we enjoyed doing for many years, nevertheless we had a most enjoyable Pancake Day Coffee Morning at Sally Pilkington's.

The February meeting brought with it the opportunity to observe one of the very few Victorian Magic Lanterns still in working condition. The slides illustrated with this equipment were of fascinating historical significance.

In March, as is our custom, we celebrated the birthday of our branch with a Tea Party. (We have

been meeting for over eighty years!) The entertainment was 20 songs performed by Mrs A. Swaithe who was very impressed by the standard of our singing of Jerusalem! (However our membership includes ladies who are in the Church Choir and Lacey Green Singers so we are capable of making quite a respectable sound.)

In April we reluctantly left our gardens in the glorious sunshine but were rewarded by a most enjoyable demonstration and work-shop 'Ribbon Floral Art', the results of which were most attractive. Furthermore we were delighted to welcome another new member!

In May we will be debating the resolution before Conference:

"The mandatory clear labeling of food with true country of origin. This meeting urges HM Government to introduce clear and

HELP!

**Has anyone seen
The WI Banner
Stand**

**Black wrought iron
Was in the store
But no longer there**

Contact Sally Pilkington 275994

mandatory country of origin labeling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country."

A key issue for our debate is whether meat should be labeled British only if it is born, reared and slaughtered here. If you feel strongly about this issue, why not join us and take part in our debate?

Jean Gabbitas

The Windmill WI

Our first meeting for 2010 was in February when the speaker, Mr Neil Rees talked about 'The Other Bucks County'. This was a most interesting talk and we learnt how the Bucks County in Pennsylvania, USA was named by William Penn in 1682 after the county where he lived and from which his family originated, our own Buckinghamshire.

We were entertained in March by local lady Mrs D'Arcy who talked to us about 'The Obromo Cacao – Food of the Gods'. This was a real treat for all the chocolate lovers amongst us especially as Mrs D'Arcy brought along some chocolate for us to sample!

At our last meeting in April we had a fascinating talk from Mrs Deakin entitled 'The Land of the Long White Cloud'. Mrs Deakin's talk was accompanied by some fantastic slides of her travels round

8 New Zealand – we all wanted

to rush off and book our next holiday!

Several members recently attended the Spring Group Meeting at Downley and were rewarded with an excellent and interesting talk from Mr Philip Littlejohn. Mr Littlejohn's grandfather was a survivor of the sinking of the 'Titanic' and his talk was based on his grandfather's account of the disaster, including the events leading up to the fateful collision with the iceberg and the final moments of the 'Titanic'. It was a really good evening made even



better by our WI winning the competition – an Easter bonnet. Our entry was designed and made by Margaret Gray and Jill Baker. Well done ladies and thank you.

We once again held a very successful jumble sale in March. These sales enable us to have good speakers at our meetings and again this year we have been able to offer 4 bursaries to our members. Thank you to everyone who supported us by bringing jumble or by coming to buy and a special thank you to all our members who helped.

Eight of our members recently attended the BFWI Annual Council Meeting at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury and had a real treat as the main speaker was Mrs Edwina Curry who proved to be a very able and entertaining speaker.

Daphne Williams

On The Farm



I am writing this on 23rd March as John and I are going to Yorkshire for four days to a golden wedding celebration of college friends, and when we get back a new tax year will be looming up for the staff and the paperwork that entails so I am trying to get ahead a little. My thoughts on the past weeks have been a mixture of ups and downs in no particular order so I am just going to jot them down as they spring to mind.

This golden wedding for instance. They were friends when he was at agricultural college, marrying three years after he left. They have invited quite a number from those days and is it not fantastic how many are still with their original partners? There are no doubt varying reasons why farming marriages stick it out, for it cannot be all plain sailing, but I think I ought to have added it to my list of good things in farming in the last edition.

Watching the wildlife

The last few days we have derived great pleasure from watching the blue tits peeping into our nest box. Will they or won't they? That is the question. We have had a frequent visitor in the form of a muntjak deer. We were fascinated to see it in the garden in the daytime which seemed unusual. It appears to be very fond of a photinia shrub which it has indiscriminately pruned. Luckily this is a quick grower and should withstand the unwarranted attention. If it gets alarmed it

wiggles through the field gate incredibly fast and bounds across the field to the farm in about three amazing leaps which has to be seen to be believed, in fact it all happens so fast you wonder if you have been imagining things. Red deer also have been seen in the fields. This always feels exciting, then you realise it's your crops they eating and hope they won't increase too much.

The badgers have been enlarging their sett at Grimsdyke. They dug such a deep hole that one of the heifers fell in it and was stuck on its back. Luckily our stockman Dick, on his daily check realised one was missing. Also lucky that in this day and age we have the machinery to lift it out. It probably could not have survived like that for long.

£100 million for TB

This part of the country is designated a low risk area for TB in the cattle. The milk is tested daily but the stock only has to be tested every four years. It is a massive job which every farmer hates. Every single animal has to be put through the cattle crush and given two injections by the vet. Returning three days later it all has to be done again to check if there are any reactors. It takes a long time. More straightforward if the animals are at the farm but if they are out in the fields they too have to be rounded up.

Our four year test was due. At the second inspection the two injection sites must be as they were, no major swellings. If there are, you are closed down until a clear test has taken place. We are at present in the position of having two calves that were inconclusive- they were not sure. They have to be isolated for sixty days and will be tested again. If they are still not sure the whole herd will have to be done

again. It is very worrying. If they are conclusive they will have to be slaughtered and the farm will be unable to sell any stock until the whole herd goes clear, being tested every sixty days until it is. Compensation is paid for slaughtered animals, the government paying out one hundred million pounds in the last twelve months.

National farm shows

We were very sorry to learn that the five day Royal Agricultural Show at Stoneleigh has closed. It was the highlight of many farmers' year. It used to move around then probably thirty years ago a permanent site was established, with roads, exhibitors' accommodation, and permanent pavilions. It seemed superb, but times change and now it has gone. Two other shows that were on our calendar every year about fifty years ago were two important events, the Dairy Show at Olympia and the Smithfield Show at Earls Court, this last had fatstock and carcasses as well as machinery. They were not the best place for the animals as London before the coal fires were banned would get such dense smog (yellow sooty smoke and fog) that some of the them died, and it was sometimes impossible to see across the road. The Dairy Show moved to Stoneleigh, then to the N.E.C at Birmingham. Smithfield Show folded.

There was the National Poultry Show in London. As a child I entered my bantams for that. Took them in special crates to Saunderton Station, where the stationmaster put them in the guards van to London. They were delivered to Olympia, put in their show cages to be judged. We would go up the next day to see if they had won anything. They often had and there was quite a lot of competition then.

Local farm shows

Locally very many local towns had a Christmas Fatstock Market, the prize winners being bought by butchers to display in their shops. Wycombe's continued until about 1980, when the site was sold for development. We used to show our turkeys and cockerels always hoping for the red rosettes. The market was there all the year and a favourite meeting place for the farmers.

In the summer the agricultural shows abounded. Wycombe held one down on the Rye. Princes Risborough held one in the big field across from the bottom of Woodway. So sad they have all gone, even the famous Banbury market has closed. Locally, Thame is still on, in September, go to it and give it your support Also Bucks County show, lots to see, don't miss it. This all sounds a bit historic, but it's all in our farming lifetime. Things have changed so much.

Joan West



Lacey Green Community plan

Lacey Green Stores

Our efforts during the last year have been directed mainly at the setting up and operation of Lacey Green Stores. The store is not run as a commercial profit making business, but is intended to be a facility available to support the local community. In this regard it has been successful, and everyone that has expressed a view has been highly complimentary. We were much appreciated during the snowbound week in January, when we managed to sell out of soup and other goodies.

There is an advertisement elsewhere in Hallmark, that we hope will encourage more readers to use the shop. Ideally, we would like every one in Lacey Green and Loosley Row to come in and buy something at least once a month.

In addition to customers, we would also welcome a few more volunteers to join the existing team running the shop. So if you have a few hours to spare and would like to do something to support your village, please let us know. You can choose a full session of 4 1/2 hours, or a shorter spell of about 2 hours. Our volunteer team is doing a superb job, but we need to be able to provide cover for holidays and other commitments.

One of our problems is not being quite sure what to keep in stock, and here you can also help. If there is something that you don't see on the shelves but would like to be able to obtain, please tell us, and we will try to oblige. We do sell newspapers, and if any resident would like to have a regular weekday paper we are happy to obtain it - but we do need to be sure that you will pay for it.

The Parish Plan

The Parish Plan has now been published together with its photographs, and can be found on the Parish Council web site at: www.laceygreenparishcouncil.org.

It has been slightly disappointing to have had no feedback from parishioners – perhaps an indication that we were not sufficiently controversial with some of the proposals for action.

The High Speed Rail Link

Most of you will have learned about the proposed high-speed rail link from London to Birmingham and beyond. The preferred alternative route HS 2.5 would cause immense disruption to Lacey Green and Loosley Row, quite apart from places further afield.

The link is deemed to be essential to the future economy of the UK, and if this were true, it might even be beneficial to Buckinghamshire. But it does nothing for us directly, and I suspect that few residents are going to welcome the disturbance and potential financial losses. It is intended that there will be a compensation scheme but to the best of my knowledge, no UK government has ever done more than provide limited reimbursement to a small proportion of those affected by such schemes.

Lacey Green Parish Community Planning Group

The planning group aims to find out what Parish residents want, and to identify ways and means of satisfying these wants. It operates independently of the Parish Council and there is plenty to do. We could do with some more members, and anyone who is interested in doing something for the local community, either representing one of the many village organisations, or as a concerned individual, would be welcome.

Tony Molesworth

District and County Council News



There is only one topic that has emerged recently and that is the High Speed Rail (HSR) proposals and their affect on the Communities and Environment within the Chilterns. The Government proposal, and it may change on May 6th, is to suggest three alternative routes that cut through the Chilterns:

- Route 3. the recommended route, passes through Amersham and Wendover before cutting past the west of Aylesbury;
- Route 2.5. the second preferred option, cuts through Hughenden Valley to strike North Dean. It then passes under Speen, Lacey Green, Loosley Row and on to Horsenden in a tunnel before emerging close to Pitch Green and striking out to the west of Haddenham, obliterating Ilmer on the way.

- Route 4 which leaves London via a 28 km tunnel towards Kings Langley and on to pass close to Berkhamstead.

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is protected from development by its Special Status so how can the Government drive a railway (similar to an eight lane motorway) through it? The answer is they have to demonstrate an overwhelming reason that it is in the National Interest and that no other route can meet the need.

All of these routes impact the AONB. Route 2.5 obviously has the greatest local affect and would see the wholesale destruction of villages such as North Dean and Ilmer. The government through its wholly owned subsidiary, HS2 ltd, have only chosen to consult at this time on Route 3 both for the environmental and community impacts and on a proposed Exceptional Hardship Scheme (EHS) set up to address property blight. This scheme only includes home owners that are directly impacted by the route and can show that they have been trying to sell for at least three months. Nothing is offered to those who are some distance from the route but are suffering in the same way from property blight. Consultation on this scheme has already commenced and is due to close on May 20th.

This leaves those affected on Route 2.5 with no recourse to Government about the second preferred option. Even if there was a case for HSR it is, in my view, entirely wrong for consultation to be restricted in this way. Property blight has already affected sales on

the 2.5 choice and has affected property values. Without a properly constructed scheme for compensation that compensates everybody for the damage done since the time of the announcement then it is inevitable that people and communities will loose out. As it stands even the EHS will only repay 85% on the loss and it gets even worse when the proposal for compensation is based on valuation at the time that the announcement is made on the chosen route. This would mean that property values will have already fallen through the anticipated announcement and that residents could be looking at values of 50% or less where their area has already taken a significant hit. This cannot be fair.

So what can be done? Firstly we all need to lobby our elected representatives at all levels for a debate on these issues and demand that action is taken for everybody's voice to be heard. Action groups are already taking shape and details can be found on the Web. The HS2 Action Alliance is one of the first to emerge and their web address is www.hs2actionalliance.org. The Chilterns Conservation board is also strongly opposing the proposals and their web address is www.chilternsaonb.org

The County Council position is also to oppose the proposals. You can contact them direct via their web site www.buckscc.gov.uk or by phone on 01296 395000

I can be contacted though my email address progerson@buckscc.gov.uk so if you would like to contact me, I will do what I can to help.

Paul Rogerson





LACEY GREEN Parish Council

AGM

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting was held in Lacey Green Village Hall on 12th April 2010. The Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Cathryn Davies, welcomed members of the public and introduced Members of the Council. Cllr. Davies gave a report on the actions of the Council over the last year, thanking Councillors for their work.

Garden of Rest

The new access drive to the Garden of Rest in Main Road is now complete. Whilst the driveway was under construction, the opportunity had been taken to lay a water supply. This is at present awaiting connection by Thames Water. Work is in hand to extend the area for the interment of ashes. Consideration is being given to the replacement, in some form, of the memorial gates that were removed to make way for the new access. These gates were originally erected in memory of the former boys of the Methodist Sunday School, who gave their lives in both World Wars.

Playground

New play equipment had been installed in the playground in the Sports Field. Much of the safety surface has been replaced and the perimeter fence renewed. The whole site is now fully refurbished and ready for the forthcoming spring and summer season. Cllr. Mrs. Miv Hughes had overseen the work involved regarding the installation of the play equipment.

Finance

Cllr. Roger Craft gave a report on the Finances of the Parish Council. By careful management, it has been possible to reduce the precept, which in turn has produced a decrease in Council Tax charged for the Parish Council.

Parish Councils are encouraged by Wycombe District Council to keep the public informed on the role of the Parish Council. To this end a Parish Council Website has been set up, www.laceygreenparishcouncil.org.uk. The site provides a point of contact with the Clerk. It also provides much



information regarding the Parish, including meeting dates and location, Accounts, Minutes, Services and maps.

The Parish Council is consulted on all Planning Applications under consideration affecting the Parish. These appear on the Website, are regularly updated and available for members of the public to view and comment upon if they so wish.

Dennis Claydon

A (house?) key has been found in the playground. If you lost one in this area please contact a parish councillor

Village Newcomers

Do you know of someone who has just moved into Lacey Green, Loosley Row or Speen?

The Lacey Green Community Planning Group would be pleased to welcome them to our community by delivering a Welcome Pack. It contains a lot of relevant information about local services and features.

Please contact Christine Oliver (Speen) at 01494 488570; or

Angela Agate (LG & LR) at 01844 273916 or

angelaagate@btinternet.com



History Special - Land usage in the villages

The steep sided valleys and "bottoms" of the Chilterns were carved out when the last ice age retreated. It left a thin layer of flinty top soil overlying chalk hills with pockets of clay some of which was suitable for brick making.

All land belonged to the crown and after his invasion of 1066, William the Conqueror had it all recorded in the Domesday Book, specifying among other things how much stock it could carry. The majority of this area was given to the Lord of the Manor of Princes Risborough until 1823 when all the common fields and the huge area right across the top of the hills which was the Common were enclosed. There were exceptions where the king or queen had made bequests to men or their widows, as reward for their services, usually in battle. Sometimes woodland was given to make sure it was preserved properly, for timber was paramount in the nation's safety and prosperity and laws applied as decreed by Henry VIII. Stocken Farm in Lacey Green which started as Stocking, a clearing and woodland is an example of this.

Rights of enclosure

In 1823 when the common land was enclosed great trouble was taken to share the land out as fairly as possible. The manor farms and some of the villagers had rights to the strip fields on the better land below Little Wardrobes Lane also on the hay fields down in Princes Risborough and to grazing on the common on the top of the hills. All this land was allocated out in direct ratio to the amount of rights held. After this all the land would be as near as possible in one block. It must have been a terrible upheaval at the time and all the new boundaries had to be put in.

It seems incredible that even now in 2010 most of those new fields are still virtually the same.

Three hamlets

The two hamlets had started off as three, Loosley Row, Leasey Green (part of what was to become Church Lane) and Upgreen (an area near the present village hall). These consisted of small cottages, usually semi-detached but also in terraces. By 1823 these areas had expanded so they were joined up. There were other larger old houses but these belong exclusively to outlying farms, most of which belonged to the Lord of Princes Risborough manor. The cottages had large gardens so that they could provide for the families, which were often very numerous. Vegetables were grown and usually a pig would be kept. With no main drains all the garden compost, pig and human waste was dug into the gardens. Thus the tilth was improved and became very fertile. With the restrictions of the green belt preventing expansion, houses have been built in them or cottages extended with the result that the villages have lost their most productive land under bricks and mortar.

Vast acreage of woodland

Over the centuries the whole area had been predominately woodland. Detailed maps drawn in 1823 still show vast acreage of woods. But from that date the new owners could buy and sell their land and do what they liked with it. Well before the end of that century the majority of the woods had been felled and thus the number of fields increased. Although the fields have stayed the same the ownership has changed. Some have been sold or let, most likely to adjoining farmers, often

leaving big farmhouses with little or no land. Others are used for diverse enterprises. A good example being Speen Farm which is now The Horses Home of Rest. (The Horses Trust) The house there is one of the oldest hereabouts.

Before 1823, travellers, on foot for the most part, would have seen a very different countryside from that of today. The grass of the common, everywhere from the present Pink Road as far as Kiln Lane and on to Grimsdyke was poor and sparse. A few cattle and geese from Princes Risborough would be walked up to graze making from pond to pond to drink.

Pigs in the garden

All those precious pigs were kept in peoples' gardens where they had their own critical role to play, so no sight of them. The few farms, which were independent of the manor would grow wheat to make their bread, sell any surplus and take straw to London where it was in demand. With no animals to manure the ground the crops were not great. They would grow oats for the only important animals, which were their farm horses. So you might catch a sight of those crops, even a working horse After 1823 when all the land was independently owned this situation became commonplace.



Everywhere you would see people working their own land. They didn't all have horses and one man certainly was known to have dug his six acre field by hand (1452 yds x 20 yds) You might just have seen a riding horse or a pony and trap, even a donkey and trap and if it was Mr or Mrs Forrest from Grimsdyke be sure to touch your cap or drop a curtsey.

The water comes

If it goes through your mind to wonder why all those crops and so few animals it is important to remember that piped water didn't come to the villages until 1934. There were only the ponds for animals to drink and in a drought year it became a full time job carting water from Saunderton where there was a stream, just for the few there were. After 1934 the dairy herds and beef cattle came, so they would have been something to see. There were also flocks of sheep. These did better after the land had

improved, breeding had improved sheep and they in their turn improved the soil.

Now 2010 and walk through here again and you will realise the community is much wealthier and there are many horses being kept now for leisure, greatly increased in the last forty years. If you walk you can see all this but look out for all the traffic in our countryside and trust that they keep watching the road and don't take advantage of all the rest there is to see.

The History Group

A 'HOLE' NEW WORLD

On sunny summer afternoons, many years ago, myself and a group of friends from Lacey Green would climb aboard our bikes and cycle off to explore the countryside. Often we would go into Oxfordshire, Berkshire and even Hertfordshire.

One thing we all agreed upon - it was always a pleasure to get back on to our smooth, well-kept Bucks roads.

How things have changed.

Steam Roller

In those days Smiths of Walters Ash looked after and repaired our roads. They sectioned off half of the road for a certain distance and the 'tar' lorry would come along spreading the tar followed by men spreading the 'chippings.'

In those days in Lacey Green lived a large powerful gentleman named Frank Sladden. He was in charge of and drove the steamroller. Here I'm talking about a 'real' roller - not one of those piddling little Diesel engines or a hand-held vibrating machine. I'm not sure how much a steamroller weighed but it certainly flattened and smoothed our roads.

They were so much better than other counties.

Mr Sladden had to walk or cycle to his roller early in the morning to light up the boiler and get up steam for the day's work. He was given the nickname 'Darkie' because at the end of the day he'd be black from shovelling coal to keep up the steam pressure. I remember he always had a cheery greeting for us youngsters: 'Wheeeeeup,' he'd shout, white teeth gleaming in his grimy face, and, of course we would be delighted to be recognized by such a great man.

For the benefit of non-Bucks people, 'Wheeeeeup' translates as 'Hello, how are you?'

Our roads now are not only shocking but highly dangerous.



Roadmen

While I was on the subject of road maintenance I could have mentioned the 'road men.' These were usually fairly elderly men who were given a stretch of road to look after. They would cut the grass verges, trim the hedges and dig out the ditches. They had no machines, everything was done by hand using a scythe, a 'ripping' hook, a broom and a spade.

They did a great job keeping the sides of the roads clean, the ditches clear so that motorists did not then suddenly run into a pond in the middle of the road.

At road junctions they trimmed back the hedges so that motorists, cyclists, etc., could see any oncoming traffic. Sometimes now you take your life in your hands emerging from a side turning roads.

Altogether they did a good job. I sometimes wonder if, with all the unemployed, some men would like to learn the necessary skills and have a go. Unfortunately, it can't be done sitting at a computer.

Geoff Gomme

Miss Lacey Green



The first week of March was very busy for many residents of Lacey Green, Buckinghamshire. We had a visitor from Wisconsin, USA named Lacey Green.

Lacey is a college student majoring in Community Affairs in her hometown of Milwaukee. She discovered via the Internet that she shared her name with a village in the UK and was intrigued. She decided to come and visit and establish ties with her namesake.

She contacted Miv Hughes, one of our local parish councillors, through the Lacey Green website. www.laceygreen.com She also contacted 5W, a website based in High Wycombe, which welcomes single women from around the

world and provides them with accommodation.

Lacey arrived in England, on her first visit, and traveled to London where she was welcomed by a 5W member and enjoyed the regular tourist sites of London.

She then traveled to Lacey Green where she arrived just in time to enjoy the cream tea at the Millennium Hall which was organized by the Youth Group to raise funds for Haiti.

It was a busy week with organized daily visits to the Under 5s Windmill group, St Johns School and Princes Risborough Upper School. On Thursday spent the day in High Wycombe with one of our local residents who works as a therapist with young children and then on Friday she visited St



Theresa's School in Princes Risborough. Several generous residents of Lacey Green provided her with overnight accommodation and meals. Since she is a student, money was limited for Lacey.

She visited the LGLR Youth Club on Friday evening.

During the week, the press discovered the story and she had several interviews for the Bucks Free Press, BBC South Today and Three Counties' radio.

Lacey will be graduating from college in May and hopes to pursue a career in politics in Washington DC.

Thanks to all who helped to welcome Lacey Green to Lacey Green.

Angela Agate

The Tree Of Steel

101-year-old Con Baker invited me to photograph the tree her grandson Jeremy Baker, now MD of Gomme's Forge, has just completed for Aldermaston CofE School. She is really proud of his work, which is very different from anything she has seen before. I agree - I've never seen anything like it.

With the help of an artist, the school's children drew the branches & cut their design out in cardboard. Jeremy then used these as templates to cut it out of steel by acetylene torch.

The tree is designed such that it's branches can be lowered down to children's height, so they can dangle through holes ready-drilled in the branches such as ceramic pears and leaves & blooms made from wire, then the branches can be raised back into position.

The steel tree is not painted or anti-rust treated because it is intended to go rusty, like the Angel of the North. The result is unique and very impressive indeed - I have never seen anything like it! The idea deserves to be adapted by other organisations - not only schools.



Norman Tyler

Appeal for Haiti



We finally counted the money, washed all the cups and plates, swept the floors and closed the hall doors behind us. The youth of Lacey Green and their ancient parents and friends had completed the fund raising events for Haiti.

This had all started a few weeks before when the Youth Group, ALIVE, met for one of our regular discussions. The recent earthquake in Haiti had left everyone stunned by the enormous impact and the question was, "Where is God in situations where people are suffering?"

An answer for us was to respond by offering ourselves to see what we could do in a practical way. Clearly, we needed to respond to try to help the people whose lives had been shattered and whose homes and families had been destroyed, so it was decided to raise money by holding two village events.

The first event was a disco, held in the St. John's School hall. Our excellent DJ was Jim Maynard who supplied his equipment and gave us a great evening. The Bar was organized and donated by the Ashton Family, and well supported by parents. Jenny King arranged both raffles.

Cream Tea

The second was the Cream Tea in the Millennium Hall on the 28th February. We knew, from the fund-raising following the Tsunami, that this had been popular and well supported then, we only hoped that the Village would give the same support this time.

We liaised with the school, friends in the village who we knew would know what was already going on, and decided on a day between us. Lucy King designed the posters and Disco tickets. Could we ensure that we would have enough scones and cakes to feed the people we hoped would turn up?

However, we need not have worried as Lacey Green is a very special place, full of people able and willing to bake cakes, make scones and tea and generally participate. It was truly wonderful to see how many people arrived with lovely things to eat and an amazing eagerness to be generous to give their money to people who they would never meet.



Adam Grout (17) was truly amazing and generous. He donated a large painting of a rescue worker and a child in Haiti, which he painted especially so that we could raise money for Haiti. We sold squares for it, at the Disco and the Cream Tea, and the winner was Jonny Maunder.



In the end, thanks to the generosity of the people of Lacey Green, our special visitor from America, Lacey Green and many others, we not only had a wonderful afternoon together, entertained by musicians led by Gavin Mole, and with Graham King as Master of Ceremonies, but we had raised a total of £3233 (which will become over £4,000 including Gift Aid). This has now been sent to ShelterBox, <http://shelterbox.org/> who provide large plastic boxes that contain a 10-person tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags, tools and a variety of other things to help provide emergency shelter for those who have lost their homes and possessions. The funds will buy 8 Shelter Boxes which could provide emergency accommodation for up to 80 people!

Our thanks go to the people of Lacey Green who supported and generously gave to this worthy cause.

Hugh Thomas-Davies

History Special - Land use in Loosley Row

Apart from two small housing developments and other properties built in between existing dwellings, there has been relatively little change in Loosley Row over the last 50 years.

Little Lane

The below section of an 1820's map shows an area once known as Parish's Close alongside the

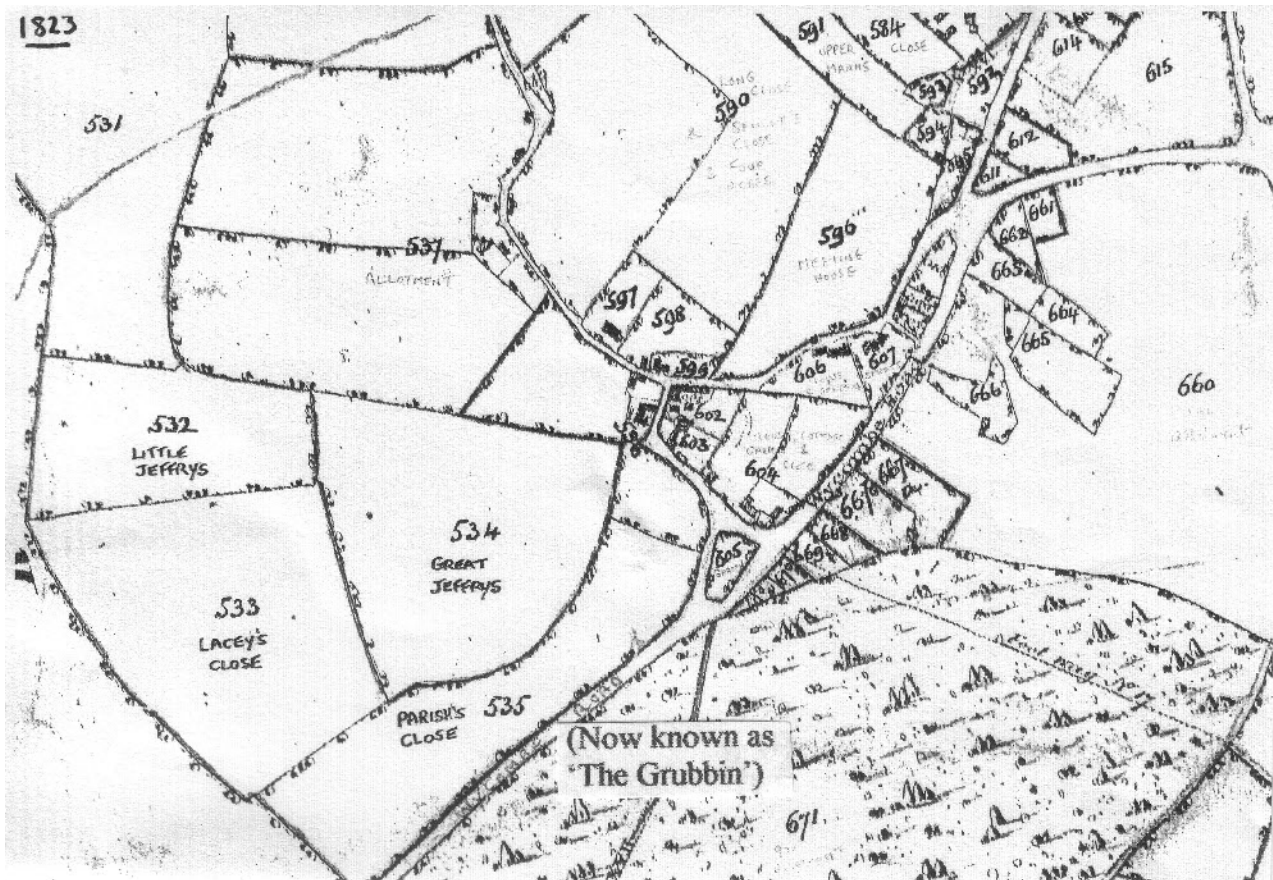
Parish's Close had always been used for agricultural purposes, until the first significant change was made during the 1950's. A few acres were sold in plots and planning permission was granted.

Before that time, the first building along that section of Little Lane had been a cottage known as Penryn, with its red tin roof and grey wood-boarded

Woodbank

In the 1950's a large house called 'Ten Acres' stood on part of the old field Great Jefferys: the land and buildings were used as a poultry farm and later by a meat processing company. In the middle of the 1990's, the factory and land adjoining was sold and now houses the Woodbank development of 24

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former old Wycombe Road – now Little Lane. The hedges separating the fields were removed prior to the mid-1950's. Parish's Close (and adjoining land is mentioned in a Will made by a Loosley Row Yeoman in 1738.

“John Wade ..has surrendered to the Lord of the Manor those copyhold lands Jefferys Field Rag Furlong Lacey's Close, Little Jefferys Field, Parish's Close”

facing. The property was not very old and was possibly built between 1900-1920?

In 1955 the owners of Penryn' sold one third of an acre of their garden for £250 (the going rate at that time!), where the current owner's father built the small bungalow Homeleigh'. When Penryn' was sold in the 1970's, it was demolished and replaced by the present house.

properties. A new access road (cul-de-sac) was constructed at that time and a 1950's bungalow Long View' demolished to accommodate part of the new road, A section of the land once belonging to 'Ten Acres' has a Covenant attached preventing property being built upon the site. It unknown when, or by whom, this Covenant was made but was certainly in existence in the 1950's.

History Special - Land use in Loosley Row

The Grubbin

On the opposite side of Little Lane, the hill known as 'The Grubbin' was once woodland (see 1820's map). After the removal of the trees the land has been used for agricultural purposes. The former hamlet of 'Coombes' (mostly housing farm workers) was once located at the top of the hill near the surviving strip of woodland.

Foundry Lane

A Nursery/Market Garden and house called 'Beggar's Roost' (owned in the 1950's by a Mr and Mrs Pearman) was situated on the left-hand side going down Foundry Lane from the Little Lane turning.

Lower Road

The small triangular piece of land between Foundry Lane and the junction of Little Lane/Lower Road in front of Randall 's Cottage belonged for many years to the Blacksmiths of that name. It was described on old maps as a 'garden'.

A small dwelling called 'Hillside', but referred to locally as 'the tin house', once stood on the bank in Lower Road (Little Lane end) opposite 'Randall 's Cottage'. It was constructed much like 'Penryn' previously referred to. In the 1950's, 'Hillside' was occupied by two elderly sisters Winifred and Ettie Lloyd, the latter always known as 'Aunt Ettie'. It was said that one of the sisters was formerly an actress. When the cottage was eventually demolished and the new house constructed further back from the lane, the old chimney breast was retained in the new front garden/drive area.

The Salmon

Also in the 1950's, gardens belonging to 'The Salmon' in Foundry Lane extended right up to Lower Road and incorporated a tennis court and small wooden property called 'Crab Hall'. This had been constructed by the then owners Mr and Mrs Isdell Carpenter for the use of their children and friends. In 1958 Mrs Rosemary Isdell Carpenter founded the 81st Club for Loosley Row and Lacey Green pensioners. When the couple retired and moved to Surrey, that area of the former gardens, the tennis court and hall were demolished for housing.

The former Baptist Chapel in Lower Road eventually closed in 2001 and the property was sold. Although now a private dwelling it still retains its original exterior aspect, iron railings and gate.

Harvey's Shop

Harvey's shop situated near the chapel was a small grocery store, which also sold a great variety of other useful household items. During the 1950's it was much in use by local residents. The property, with its wooden window shutters, remains. In its earlier history the small shop had been a bakery owned by one of the Janes family, who later relocated to Lacey Green and established the bakery along the main road.

During the 1950's Sydney Janes from the family bakery in Lacey Green was still delivering bread in his pony and trap to residents in Loosley Row.

Loosley Hill

A section of land situated behind existing properties and gardens in Loosley Hill was developed for the erection of houses and a new access road, 'Violet Close'.

At the top of Loosley Hill the Post Office and general store was much in use. The owner also kindly delivered groceries in the area.

Wildlife

Many wildflowers and insects have disappeared from some parts of Loosley Row over the years.

Bee Orchids, Wild Mignonette and Cowslips could once be found on the grass roadside banks, particularly the bank on the corner of Little Lane near the woods at the foot of 'The Grubbin'. Another wildflower no longer seen is the tiny wild yellow and mauve pansy. Violets, however, still flourish.

On the grass bank described above it was also possible at night to see numerous glow worms. The Chalkhill Blue Butterfly, once prolific, is only seen occasionally.

Sightings of the tiny long nosed Shrews are rare. The Edible Dormouse (Glis-Glis), however, has multiplied since the 1950's, as has the Muntjac deer and Badger. The Red Kite is now a common sight in this area.

Hedges

In the 1950's the ancient craft of hedge laying was still being practised by local skilled farm workers in Little Lane, Loosley Row.

Happy Wanderers

Sunday 28th March

Thirty Happy Wanderers turned out for our usual Sunday morning walk. We started from the car park at The Royal Standard of England, Forty Green near Beaconsfield.

On this pleasant spring morning our walk was led by Ian Goodearl and his partner Kim.

The walk took the shape of a figure of eight which allowed those who did not wish to complete the full length to return after the first hour. This loop took us across pasture land with good views across the local landscape, past interesting properties, with lots of daffodils, then through Strawberry wood. Wild strawberries in the summer one might think. After a couple more fields some of our fiends left the remainder to go back to the Inn.



The rest of us continued through more Chiltern woodland and pastures to eventually return to the start. Quite a few of us then enjoyed a good lunch stop at The Royal Standard of England.

Ron Goodearl

Sunday 31st January

On a bright and frosty morning 20 happy wanderers and two dogs met at 10.30 a.m. by the Gate public house at Bryants Bottom. To get everyone warmed up we started by climbing a fairly steep path behind the pub up to Denner Hill, where we turned towards Hampden Common, passing the pheasant farm on the way and saw some of the birds practicing their ice skating on a frozen pond.



We continued past the attractive houses at Hampden Common to the cross roads where we turned left staying on the road to the T junction, crossing over and up through the Larch plantation and over fields towards Speen.

On the outskirts of Speen we took the unmade road past the Scout hut and took the path over a meadow and through the wood past Piggott's, from there we walked along the lane towards Little Piggott's and entered the wood on the way down to The Gate P.H..

We were pleasantly surprised to find some other Club members had decided to join those of us who stayed for a good lunch.

Horticultural Society: Over The Garden Fence

BAHS Spring Show

The picture shows Denise Kinnard and Stella Boll ready for the rush to the refreshments table at the BAHS Spring Show which we hosted in April. Our own entries were placed fifth, with four Societies above and four below our score. We had hoped to do rather better, but we feel that we have still not quite grasped the Judges' interpretation of the required standards. Our arrangements for the Show were highly commended by the BAHS Officials, and in particular the quality of savouries and cakes that we provided for the tea. My thanks go to all of our Members who made these delicious eats. I believe that everyone who contributed has been asked for their expenses, but if anyone has not been reimbursed please let me know.

Committee hardship

It is probably not widely appreciated just how much eating membership of the Committee demands. Take the last 3 meetings, starting with December, when we were sumptuously entertained by Alison and Adam with mince pies, Stollen cake and other seasonal goodies, we decided on the domestic items for the Annual Show schedule.



In February committee members brought along the result of their trials of these items and we had to set to and taste Cornish Fairings, Cheese scones, a Milk Loaf and a Dundee cake. In the interests of complete certainty, one slice is seldom sufficient. In April, it was necessary to evaluate our proposed entries for the BAHS Show, and we sampled bread and butter with Laura's lovely lemon curd, chocolate butterscotch brownies and a broccoli quiche. At our meetings the hosts generously open a bottle or two of wine, but we find that with so much food to be consumed, reinforcements in this area are often necessary. Someone has to do it!

AGM

At the AGM in March, the Committee were re-elected and a record number of 65 people had renewed or joined. We confidently expect more members to renew over the next month or two. The talk on "The Land of the Long White Cloud" was I have to say disappointing. This was not the speaker's speciality location, he gave us a super talk about 5 years ago on the Himalaya, which he has visited on many occasions, and we had expected the same standard. The excellence of recent speakers probably also overshadowed Chris' presentation. Anyway, we were all fortified by John and Laura's Anzac biscuits and a glass of New Zealand wine, (no charge), appropriate to the subject. Annual Show Schedules, 4th September, were distributed.

Terry Fendom



Villager Brian Panter left a carrot in when he harvested the rest last year & was impressed as to how large it had grown by the time he dug it up in March 2010.

It weighed 1 lb 10 oz = 0.738Kg."

Sports Club - Cricket Section

Well, we are at it again. Cricket I mean. By the time you read this a few matches will have been played. Hopefully the results will have favoured our two teams.

I haven't a great deal to tell you in this issue - not that that will stop me rabbiting on at length.

We have a new captain for the 1st XI. Luke Weston, Esq. has been associated with the club for a number of years. Mainly a bowler but can be handy with the bat when the need arises. An enthusiastic fielder.

No vice-captain was nominated at the meeting but there are senior players who can step in with advice if desired.

For the 2nd XI, Jon Dell will continue as captain. Jon set a good example last year with bat, ball and in the field and with a little more belief in his own ability can do even better this time.

Again Jon wasn't given a vice-captain but he has experienced players around him to help.

Now, I feel it would be a great help if the team selectors could tell Jon which of his players they might take in the event of them being short at the last minute so that he can have someone standing by to fill his team - or, at least, have someone in mind.

I've been glancing through the rules of the Mid Bucks K.O. competition. They are loosely based on the 20/20 rules. I can see problems arising if the players (and the umpires) are not fully conversant with the new format.

For a start, despite strict starting and finishing times for each innings we will now have twenty six-ball overs instead of the previous sixteen eight-ball overs - obviously lengthening the time it will take to complete each innings.

No balls will cost two runs plus a free hit.

Wides bring a penalty of two runs. A wide is any ball passing outside the batsman's legs -- providing he hasn't moved to cause it to do so.

There's much more but hopefully it will become clearer during the matches. Oh, by the way, you will be expected to jog to the wicket. We'll have to wait and see what happens on the field.

Now, I completely forgot at the end of last season to say what a good job our umpires, Les and Derek, our scorers, Christine and Maureen and the lads who keep the ground in excellent condition do in their spare time.

In the last issue my reader said she enjoyed my cricket joke. So, here's another one:

God and the Devil arranged a cricket match and the Devil put a huge bet on the outcome. "You're very confident, says God. "Don't forget I've got the finest players ever born on my side". "Yes", replies the Devil. "But I've got all the umpires".

Geoff Gomme

	1st XI	2nd XI
May 1	Bradenham (Home)	Bradenham 2 (Away)
May 8	Cadmore End (Away)	Aylesbury 2 (Home)
May 15	Challoners (Home)	Hampden (Away)
May 22	Potten End (Away)	Wendover (Home)
May 29	Prestwood (Home)	Haddenham (Away)
June 5	Holmer Green 2 (Away)	Downley 2 (Home)
June 12	Waddesdon (Away)	Nomadic Medics (Home)
June 19	Ley Hill (Home)	Ley Hill 2 (Away)
June 26	Lt. Gaddesden (Away)	Widmer End 2 (Home)
July 3	Bradenham (Away)	Bradenham 2 (Home)
July 10	Cadmore End (Home)	Aylesbury 2 (Away)
July 17	Challoners (Away)	Hampden (Home)
July 24	Potten End (Home)	Wendover (Away)
July 31	Prestwood (Away)	Haddenham (Home)
Aug 7	Holmer Green 2 (Home)	Downley 2 (Away)
Aug 14	Waddesdon (Home)	Nomadic Medics (Away)
Aug 21	Ley Hill (Away)	Ley Hill 2 (Home)
Aug 28	Lt. Gaddesden (Home)	Widmer End 2 (Away)

Sports Club - Tennis Section

The tennis club is situated in the far corner of the sports field providing three all-weather courts. We welcome anyone wishing to play tennis at any level. During the summer the tennis club will be entering teams in the Aylesbury and District Tennis league hoping to build upon the successes of 2009. It is always something of a challenge not only to play against different clubs but also to ensure that a team of 4 players is actually available for the fixture.

Apart from the local matches, the club offers a range of opportunities for friendly social tennis. There are regular weekday and weekend sessions for juniors and adult members to get together for informal tennis. Throughout the summer, the club will hold 3 Sunday afternoon fun tennis tournaments with a plentiful supply of tea and cakes for extra energy. This year, we have arranged a number of practice sessions for informal tennis on Friday mornings with members of the Speen tennis club. So there are some really good opportunities for anyone to come along and see what the club has to offer.

The membership fees are again extremely good value for a village tennis club in this area reflecting our modest facilities. The club is ideal for beginners or people who simply have not picked up a tennis racket for years and would like to play tennis with like minded people. Many members also arrange coaching which is available in groups or one-to-one with the coaches. Family membership is available for £75, Adult £50 and Junior £20.

Fun tennis tournament dates during the summer are:

Sunday 16 May 2010

Sunday 18 July 2010

Sunday 5 September 2010



For more information and membership forms, please contact:
Ian Ward on PR 345567 or Linda Malden on PR 275296

LADIES DIVISION 7

Tue 4th May	Wing 1	Home
Mon 24th May	Aston Park 2	Away
Thurs 27th May	Thame 3	Home
Tue 13th July	Long Marston 2	Away
Tue 20th July	Gt Missenden 2	Home

MIXED DIVISION 6

Thurs 6th May	Cheddington 3	Home
Wed 19th May	Quainton 1	Home
Tue 25th May	Marsh Gibbon 2	Home
Tue 8th June	Aylesbury 3	Home
Wed 16th June	Gt Missenden 3	Away
Tue 22 June	Haddenham 3	Home
Tue 6th July	P. Risborough	Away

MEN'S DIVISION 6

Thurs 6th May	Wingrave	Away
Mon 17th May	Oving 2	Away
Mon 7th June	Cheddington 2	Home
Tue 29th June	Cuddington 2	Home
Tue 13th July	Chesham Bois	Away
Tue 3rd Aug	Cublington 2	Home

Heavenly Bodies

The night skies are going 'planet-astic' over the coming weeks. You might have spotted a very bright point of light above where the Sun sets. That's the planet Venus, Earth's 'twin' as it is about the same size as our planet but currently about 140 million miles away. It stays in that area for several weeks and will be joined by other planets in June.

But before that, just after sunset on **May 16**, look out for a very slender crescent Moon to the left of Venus which should make a beautiful sight. Also, if you have pair of binoculars, scan upwards from the Moon until you see a sparkling star cluster called M35. And if you want to see what a red supergiant star 500 times wider than our Sun looks like, watch the full Moon rising in the south-east at about 10.45 pm on **May 27**, closely followed by

the striking star Antares, a Greek name meaning 'like Mars' because of its strong reddish-orange colour.

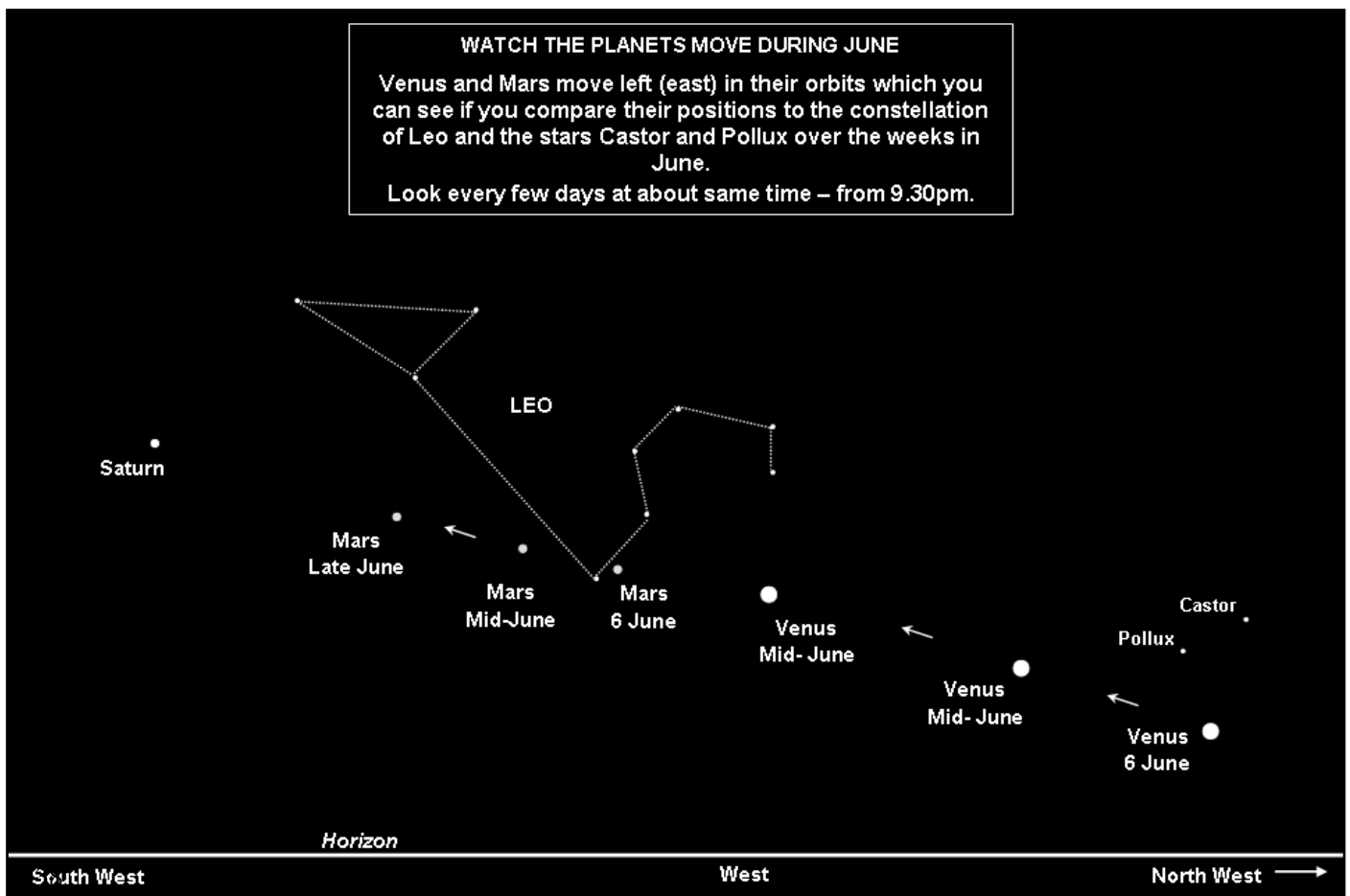
As June starts, the planets begin to gather and reveal their orbits around the Sun (see diagram). Mars will have travelled much closer to Venus, and from June 6 for the rest of the month, you'll be able to see both the Red Planet and Venus gradually move west (left) in relation to the background stars in the constellation of Leo and the two main stars to the right, Castor and Pollux in the constellation of Gemini. So you'll witness the planets actually travelling through their orbits at tens of thousands of miles an hour, but this will look much more sedate because they are so far away.

If you want to look at the sky when every planet in the Solar System will be overhead, try

July 22. From 9.15 pm, look for Venus in the West, with Mercury to its lower right, and Mars and Jupiter to Venus' left. Then from 11.45 pm, look at the opposite horizon in the east, and you'll see a very bright Jupiter rise, with Uranus just to its upper right (you may need binoculars to see it). That just leaves Neptune to complete the planetary list. The furthest-flung orb is overhead and you'll need binoculars to see it. Demoted Pluto (now a 'dwarf planet') is also suspended in the sky, but only a large telescope will reveal it. For a sky map on that, and any other evening, go to www.popastro.com and on the left of the home page click 'Sky Tonight'.

Finally, look out for 'shooting stars' in the June Boötids meteor shower on the nights of **June 23 and 27.**

Chris Dignan



Sports Club - Football Section



Welcome once again to the Spring article of this football section. As the weather improves, as the evenings get lighter and as the air becomes somewhat fresh, Lacey Green FC are still battling for promotion, or to even top the table to which I feel we deserve greatly. A good string of wins and an unfortunate 4-2 defeat to Oak FC in March sees us topping the table, and elevation to Division 4 could be on the cards.

Not much to report in way of results and events since the last revelations of the November edition. We came across our top spot rivals Beech Tree FC at the end of February knowing that a win was desperately needed to avenge the first game of the season that saw us come away with nothing after a 3-0 defeat. The lads went out onto that frosty pitch at The Rye with arduous pride and admiration. We walked away with a 4-0 victory in which we merited no less. A superb midfield and an outstanding performance from Luke Garvey and Ryan Maguire saw us annihilate a team we sought of as undefeatable. Goalkeeper James Bartington has kept 4 clean sheets this season, which

level pegs the top two keepers in the division, a statistic that has seriously contributed to our league status thus far.

A very tight-knit game away at Hazlemere Sports saw us finally walking away with a 1-0 victory, thanks to a well taken goal by our very own South Coast Student Dan Lay. Waiting until the 84th minute though is what I feel may have given half the team minor heart attacks. A draw there would have critically hampered our chances of advancement into Division 4.

At this time of writing, we are set to face our final game of the season after a 2 week holiday from the action. Although this game isn't just to get another 3 points in the bag, this game will determine whether the promotion hopes we have dreamt of all season becomes a reality. A difficult fixture at home to fellow promotion rivals Hour Glass FC is our next challenge. I'm sure many of you would have found leaflets floated into your letterbox the week previous. Lacey Green FC was the only team in the league to beat this side, which was back in September. Only Beech Tree FC secured a win against them after an astonishing 8 month undefeated streak. A team that has only conceded a league best of 19 goals all season shows what this defence can achieve. We have to beat Hour Glass FC. There is no other way of guaranteeing a promotion spot otherwise. It's all in our hands. There should be no reason that with the strong spirit, dedication and devotion that every member of the squad possesses, why we can't go out on the 25th April and win.

Its amazing to think that by the time this publication reaches your doorstep, we could be the most ecstatic, or the most crestfallen the club have been all season. I really

can't wait. I hope to see as many supporters as possible to urge your village side on. Your support really does make the difference. We also plan to open the pavilion after the game and provide social, culinary and sporting entertainment for you to, hopefully, celebrate not just an amazing day, but a stunning season.

A major thanks to our team sponsors for this year as always. Duncan and Shakira at The Pink and Lily, and Lynne, Tony and Ian at The Black Horse in Lacey Green have been phenomenal in their support for Lacey Green FC, and cannot be more appreciative of their financial, kind will and gestures so far this season.

We would also like to forward our best wishes to the Cricket and Tennis clubs this coming summer, and wish you luck for the upcoming leagues, cups and tournaments which I'm sure will be well supported like it has been continuously year after year. The Black Horse will always be entertaining their summer darts team and Aunt Sally squad during the clement weather. Come up and rally your locals on, it will always be a good pint and a giggle.

If you require information regarding Lacey Green FC, please email us at laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk. We need trainers, coaches, whatever you can bring to the team will be more than appreciated. We are also on Facebook under Lacey Green FC, so you can have regular updates on the scores, news and gossip surrounding the club and its players. If you want to keep up with the progress of Lacey Green FC, including league tables, attendance stats and all the other results from all the amateur league clubs around the country, please visit www.football.mitoo.co.uk.

Ben Foster

Windmill under 5s



The Spring term proved to be a very busy one here at Windmills. With the themes being nursery rhymes and fairy stories there were lots of art work and role-play based on all the children's favourite characters. Nature walks, trips to the park as well as delightful gifts for Mother's day and Easter also featured strongly! To mark the end of term, the children were treated to a party and Magic Martin made a special visit to entertain them as his show from Christmas had been cancelled.

It was decided that the setting was in need of a 'wash and brush up' so over a couple of evenings and weekends, parents and friends got down to some hard work and

washed, filled in and painted the main hall in the sports and social club. The transformation was amazing! But that wasn't all after some exhausting paperwork had been completed, Windmills was successful in being awarded a small grant from Bucks County Council. The Committee were able to purchase some decorations and equipment for the outside play area. Once again it was all hands to the pump as numerous parents and friends gave up their spare time to hang brightly coloured pictures of numbers, letters, fruits, vegetables and shapes over the outside play area, construct a covered sand pit, garden and games table and make sure it was all ready for the children on Monday morning. So now this term the children can enjoy a re-vamped play area and look forward to growing their own plants and flowers and eating their own fruit and vegetables from the garden. A huge "thank you" to everyone who made this possible. Not only does outdoor play encourage healthy children but it is one of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Hopefully the current spell of good weather will hold into the Summer term as lots of outdoor activities are planned. The annual barbecue will take place on 27th June. Children will enjoy a day out with parents on the staff Inset day on 2nd July and Sports Day on the following Friday is a date not to be missed! Our four year olds will be preparing to go to BIG school this term and parents will be left wondering where their time at pre-school has gone!

If you are considering a pre-school for your child come to our next Open Morning on Tuesday 25th May (9.30-10.30 am) or call our administrator Paula Cunningham on 07502 198 405 / email admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk to arrange a convenient time to visit. The pre-school hours are 9.00-12.00 or if your child stays for lunch 1.30 pm. Children are eligible to start the term they turn 2 ½ with funded places from 3 years old. Windmills is located at the Sports Club (see big red sign near St John's school!) or take a look at our web site www.windmillunder5s.co.uk to find out more.

Michelle Whiting - Chair



1945 WAS A GOOD YEAR

Apart from heralding the end of WWII, the year of 1945 saw the emergence of a charity to help local older people. It was called Bucks Old People's Welfare Committee. Now 65 years later it is more

dynamic and go-ahead than ever - no retiring for this organisation!

This charity is now called Age Concern Bucks and provides a range of services to help older people to have a better quality of life. Support runs from Advocacy to Welfare Benefits with stops along the way for Befriending, Information & Advice, Rural Day Care, Handy person, Neat Feet, Painting & Decorating, Seamless Relocation, One 2 One computer lessons, Nintendo Wii Ten Pin Bowling, Chair Based Exercises, and the latest Good Neighbour Scheme. All services can be accessed via 01296 431911.

To celebrate it's 65th Anniversary Age Concern Bucks has been organising a year of fundraising events, including a celebration dinner on Friday 18th June, a Great Sunday Lunch at the Hardings Restaurant, Aylesbury College on 17th October, Chilterns Hills Walk and Parachute Jumps.

For more information on any of the activities this year, or to find out more about Age Concern Bucks ring 01296 431911 or contact 145 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 9HH or www.ageconcernbucks.org.uk

St John's Church

Easter



Our Easter services were extremely well attended, with the main eggsciting service on Easter Sunday where Rev. Denise broke eggs into a bowl (collective thoughts of Norman having an omelette for lunch). She explained about new life within the egg and how we have to break out of our shells to discover what new life God has prepared for us. A 'Kinder' egg revealed an egg timer, and we all had chocolate eggs served with teas and coffees and muffins after the service – a good time to chat and meet in fellowship.

June Brazier

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Future Dates For Your Diary

Tues May 25	Licensing of Church Wardens at Great Missenden.
Fri June 4	A fun evening and fellowship for the whole family. Come and enjoy Pizza and free Film show in the school hall at 7 pm
Sun June 20	Open gardens in Lacey Green. Teas and Parking at the Village Hall from 2pm until 6 pm. Please contact Margaret Grey on 01844-347094 or Marjorie Palmer on 01296-488353 for further details.
Sun July 4	After Morning Worship 10 am at 12 noon - - Vicarage Garden picnic, bring own food and drink, and enjoy the ambiance and fellowship in a beautiful peaceful garden.
Wed July 21	Last day of term Services in St. John's, Speen school at 9.15 and St. John's school at 2.30
See page 34 for the Church service schedule	

Forthcoming Weddings.

Blessings and all good wishes go to...

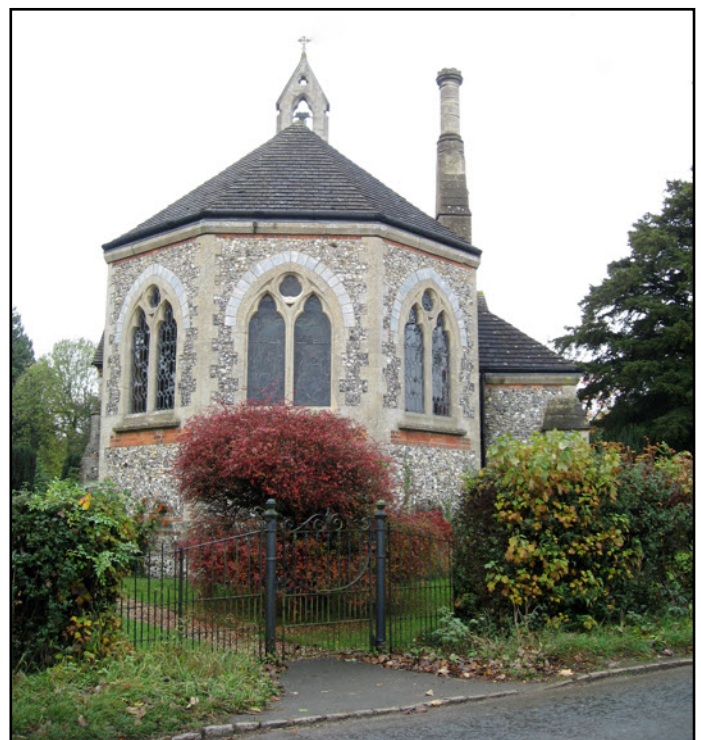
Janey Baker and Neil Schreiber on May 8th.

Sarah Hudson and James Heywood on May 28th

Wedding Blessing , All Saints at Air Command for Leslie Anne Farrer and Steve Farrer on June 5th.

Charlotte Bull and Matthew Gayler on July 2nd. (Friday)

Sarah Luxford and James Savage on July 16th.(Friday)



Village organisations meeting schedule and contact list - meetings at the Millenium Hall unless specified

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email address</u>
Associations				
Happy Wanderers Walking Club	Short walk (2-3 miles) 2nd Wed. 10.30am,	Ronnie Lewin	274961	relewin@btinternet.com
Horticultural Society	3rd Wed of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov. 8pm	Terry Fendom	342636	terry.fendom@btinternet.com
Jingle Tots & Kinder Gym	Baby to 5 years. Music, play & gym. Fridays during term	Jenny Stothard	344441	jennystothard@btinternet.com
LR&LG WI (afternoon)	2nd Thursday except August. 2pm	Jean Gabbitas	346469	
LG Singers	Thursday evenings in term time	Fran Hall	01494 562240	fran.hall865@mod.uk
Lacey Green Productions	Theatre, drama, and sometimes food	Val Brookhouse	344207	valbrookhouse@btinternet.com
Windmill Under 5s	Mon-Fri 9.15-11.45am, lunch club 11.45am-1.15pm	Paula Cunningham	07502 198405	admin@windmillunder5s.co.uk
Windmill WI (evenings)	1st Wed of month except Jan. 7.45pm	Stella Boll	347268	daphne.willash@btinternet.com
High Wycombe & District U3A	4th Wed afternoon of the month	Roger Smith	01494 562554	
Youth Club		Joan Smith	342322	joansmith38@googlemail.com
Sports				
LG Sports Club Secretary		Jane Oakford	346295	
LG Sports Club - Cricket		Geoff Gomme	01494 563612	
LG Sports Club - Tennis		Ian Ward	345567	
LG Sports Club - Football		Ben Foster	344906	laceygreenfc@hotmail.co.uk
Jazzercise	Tuesday evenings	Sue Morris	01494 813968	info@jazzsue.cp.uk
Karate	Monday evenings	Richard Peace	07768 896078	
Whiteleaf Bowmen	Wed, Thu & Fri evenings, Apr to Sep	Brenda Cordwell, Sec	01494 485037	www.whiteleafbowmen.org.uk
DART Self Defence	Tues 7-9pm in Hall. Sat 10am-12 in the School	John Titchen	07810 568656	jwt.dart@gmail.com
Pilates Classes	Tuesday mornings	Sue Croxford	346656	ncroxford@ashleyhouseplc.com
Yoga Group	Mon mornings during term time	Annie Silverman	343643	annies_yoga@hotmail.com
Others				
Bucks CC & WDC		Paul Rogerson	01494 488315	progerson@buckscc.gov.uk
St John's Church		Denise Critchell	347741	
LG Community Planning Group		Tony Molesworth	344975	molechem@yahoo.co.uk
Parish Council		Susanne Griffiths	342685	clerk@laceygreenparishcouncil.org.uk
LG Post Office	9am - 12 noon Mondays and Thursdays	George Crombie		gcrombie.greathampden@ukonline.co.uk
LG Windmill	Sundays & Bank holidays 2:30 to 5:30 during the summer	Michael Hardy	343560	contact@laceygreenwindmill.org.uk
Millennium Hall		Clive Hodgton	343113	clive@laceygreen.com
Millenium Hall bookings		Karen Hodgton	274254	karen@laceygreen.com
The Black Horse	Quiz night last Sunday of every month at 8pm	Lynne Comley	345195	lynnecomley@btconnect.com
The Whip		Nick Smith	344060	info@whippinn.co.uk

Local Information

Hallmark is published quarterly by the Lacey Green & Loosley Row Millennium Hall Management Committee, although opinions expressed in comment or contribution do not necessarily represent the collective view of that committee.

Our aim is to mirror the mark that the Village Hall makes upon our community, to publish the activities of all Village organisations, and to provide a forum so that the rights, the wrongs, the well-being of village life can be aired. News from all the Village clubs, societies, church and school, stories of local interest and entries for the Village

Diary are always welcome. In addition, any suggestions for improving Hallmark.

A version of this printed Hallmark may be found on our website www.laceygreen.com, which also has breaking news and many additional articles & photos of local interest.

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In 2010 the windmill will be open from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Sunday 2nd May to Sunday 26th September. Last admission is at 5 pm, and admission is £1.50 per adult, 75p per child under 16. It is the oldest smock mill in the country and still has its original wooden machinery from the mid 17th century. Since 1971 it has been restored to working order by members of The Chiltern Society. Please park in Pink Road and walk up path to the mill.

CHURCH SERVICES: SUNDAYS

8.00 am: Holy Communion (1662) 1st, 2nd, & 4th. Sundays

10.00 am: All age Worship - Communion 1st Sun of month

10.00 am: Parish Communion All Sundays except 1st

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong 1st Sunday in the month

Tues 9.30am: Communion Service -St Johns Lady Chapel

Tues 2.00 pm in term time: Toddler Praise – 21 toddlers meet Tuesday afternoons during term time. Dads and Grandparents are also very welcome.

Wed 10.30 .am: Team Communion Service at St. Mary's church, Princes Risborough

Vicar: The Reverend Denise Critchell. Tel. 347741.

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